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Dear Personnel,

I am writing in regards to the levels of glyphosate deemed to be safe for Californians. Although I would like and much prefer an outright BAN, in lieu of that I would like to propose the lowest levels at or below what the EU has regulated.

Health care costs are a significant and growing part of the state budget. Continuing to allow this carcinogen into our food supply is dangerous beyond belief, with financial implications of future health care costs potentially in the billions.

Below are some of the reasons behind my call for a ban of glyphosate:

Monsanto has known for 17 years that glyphosate, the main ingredient in its pesticide Roundup, could cause cancer. They launched a massive cover-up, dubbed the "Monsanto papers," showing they have been manipulating research, colluding with a senior government official at the US EPA, and providing pro-Ag articles to government agencies -- all to refute the fact that glyphosate is a carcinogen.

Glyphosate is the most pervasive, widely applied herbicide in California, the United States and globally, in 85% of our US food and over 90% of our surface waters, making its impact potentially deadly.

There is no safe level because glyphosate bio-accumulates in our bodies, so no matter how small an amount is set by OEHHA, and that amount is certain to increase in our brains, tissues, bodily fluids, as we eat more food and drink water that contain it.

A single oatmeal cookie from the CA State Capitol Building's Café, tested in 2016 for glyphosate, contained 311 micrograms (ppb=microgram). A study of lab rats fed glyphosate in their water, contained only 0.1 microgram and the rats got cancerous tumors. Comparing a 150 pound person to a 1 pound lab rat, humans should not ingest 15 microgram. The 1,100 micrograms that OEHHA is proposing is far too high and can be easily consumed daily by the average human, as glyphosate has been found in 85% of US food.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) planned in 2016, to begin testing food for residues of glyphosate. As of April 1, 2017, the agency quietly canceled the plan. This smacks of corporate malfeasance and interference in regulation.

Cheerios, measured glyphosate levels 1,125.3 micrograms. Similar glyphosate levels were found in Oreos, Doritos, and Ritz Crackers, among 29 foods tested in 2016.

The average level of glyphosate in the U.S. population is 3.3 parts per billion (ppb), significantly higher than the average of 0.2 ppb found in Europeans. UCSF-UC-Berkeley Joint Medical Program, Berkeley, CA scientific poster presentation, April 2016, BUND, June 2013, Determination of Glyphosate residues in human urine samples from 18 European countries (PDF)

Organic Consumers Association tests found 93 percent of Americans have glyphosate in their urine. The Detox Project, May 25, 2016

The USGS tests for glyphosate have found it in nearly all rivers, lakes and streams in California. The effect on fish and aquatic life (a significant industry in California) cannot be underestimated.

Allowable glyphosate levels: European Union (EU) — 0.3 milligrams per kilo per day (mg/kg/day) compared to 1.75 mg/kg/day for U.S. (Benbrook 2016).

The U.S. allows 700 micrograms of glyphosate in drinking water. EU allows only 0.05 micrograms.

2014: over 1,382,000 people with cancer in California. 60,000 Californians die from cancer each year.

~6 million people have an autoimmune disease in California. Many may be caused by glyphosate.

In a study, at 0.0001 micrograms glyphosate exposures, the growth of breast cancer cells was discovered.

Studies show a 50% increase of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Please consider a ban on glyphosate effective immediately.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

Lisa Henschel